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UTAH STATE NEWS

More than 5,000 sheep have been fed at Riverton during the past season.

Actual work on the new smelter at Ogden will commence as soon as the weather permits.

A new bank and a modern hotel are among the improvements planned for this spring.

Preparations are being made for the Utah county horse show, to be held at Provo in April.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Huber died at Richfield from drinking a quantity of strong lye.

It is estimated that 100 acres will be planted to cucumbers in the vicinity of Kaysville this season.

Business men of Sandy have decided to form a chamber of commerce to boost the good points of that place.

The Independent Telephone company opened an exchange in Park City last week. The equipment is modern throughout.

The Kaysville city council has a committee at work investigating the feasibility of putting in a system of waterworks.

Andrew Johnson, 52 years of age, was struck by a street car in Salt Lake City, sustaining injuries which may prove fatal.

The Independent Telephone company has strung its wires to Springville and will begin placing instruments this week.

John Penfield, employed at the Southern Pacific freight house in Ogden, was run over by a switch engine, both of his feet being cut off.

William J. Lynch, former chief of police of Salt Lake City, has been unanimously chosen chairman of the State Board of Land Commissioners.

A company known as the Morgan Amusement company has been organized at Morgan for the purpose of building an opera house and dancing hall.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Daly-Judge Mining company held in New York last week the old board of directors was re-elected.

Johnson B. B. Young, who has been a resident of this state since 1850, died Saturday at his home in Tiampanogos. He was a successful farmer and stock raiser.

Contracts for 100 acres of cucumbers have been signed by the farmers of Springville. This means that Springville will have a branch plant of the Mont Pickle company of Salt Lake.

Preparations are being made for the organization of a bank in Fillmore. A meeting of the promoters will be called in a short time. Some of the leading men of the county are behind the enterprise.

George Evans, city marshal of Lehi, is dangerously ill at the Provo general hospital. John D. Woodhouse, the night watchman, takes his place as marshal, and John W. Chelton is serving as night watchman.

At a special meeting of the Commercial club, at American Fork, permanent headquarters were decided upon. The club will have four rooms over the Chipman Mercantile company's store, which will be fitted up at once.

The secretary of the interior has ordered 23,040 acres of land in Cache and Rich counties withdrawn from settlement for exclusion in the Bear river forest reserve. The lands constitute township 8 north, range 4 east.

There have been three mild cases of smallpox in the family of Bishop Nephi Packard, at Springville, but all the patients are recovering, and, owing to precautions taken by the health board, it is believed no new cases will appear.

Karl Hopkins, Dale H. Parke and James E. Moss are the students of the University who have been selected as the debating team to represent the Utah university in the annual interstate debate with the University of Denver.

The county commissioners of Utah county have granted a franchise to the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company to construct a telephone system. The franchise is not exclusive and must be completed by October 1 of this year.

John S. Lindsay, for years a leading figure in dramatic circles of the west and south, died in Salt Lake Thursday. Mr. Lindsay was for more than ten years a prominent member of the old stock company of the Salt Lake theatre.

FIRST GUN IS FIRED IN CHINESE UPRISING

Chinese Begin Attack on Foreign Missionaries, the Mission is Wrecked and Ten People Slain.

Peking.—Alarming news of the massacre of missionaries and burning of missions is received here.

The governor's report states that six Catholic missionaries were killed beside an English family of four. An English missionary named Marr is believed to have escaped, slightly injured. Bunting and Fife are also believed to have escaped.

According to the official report, the trouble arose in the course of a lawsuit in the magistrate's yamen, in which the Catholics became involved. The fight occurred in the yamen. The English missionaries were in no wise concerned, but Sunday morning a mob attacked the missions indiscriminately.

Chinese hostilities to Catholics and non-Christians has been as prevalent in the province of Kiangsi lately as in the provinces of Honan and Hupeh. Native papers report that the Catholic bishop had trouble with the authorities for issuing appeals for subscriptions for the church, which were written in an official style to which he had no right.

GARFIELD TELLS HIS STORY.

On the Witness Stand in the Packers' Case.

Chicago.—Commissioner Garfield occupied the stand all day Monday in the packers' case, and his cross-examination was finished a few minutes before the final adjournment of court. He declared while on the stand that he had turned over to the department of justice the names of several hundred witnesses at the direct order of the president. He said, however, that none of the information given to the department of justice was that received from the packers. He stated positively that there was no interchange of agents between his department and the attorney general and that all the information he secured from the packers he used for the writing of his report and not for the purpose of aiding the department of justice to prosecute the packers.

FIRST SIGNS OF FREEDOM.

Russian Parliament to Promulgate Laws for the Whole People.

St. Petersburg.—Reports from the interior showing it is possible to hold the elections in more than half the districts and open the national assembly May 10 with a working majority, the cabinet has recommended that the first meeting of the Russian parliament be held, and the long-expected imperial ukas to that effect was promulgated Monday. This definite announcement furnished a convincing answer to the revolutionary argument that the government had no intention of convoking the national assembly. It is expected to do far more toward completing the tranquilization of the country than all the repressive measures of Interior Minister Durnovo, of whose waning power the ukas is but one of several indications.

Would Defeat Philippine Tariff Measure.

Washington.—A rumor is current that one of the expected trades growing out of the desire to pass a railroad rate bill through the senate will be the defeat of the Philippine tariff bill, which is still being discussed in the Philippine committee. Republicans who are standing for the passage of the rate bill without a court review amendment, it is said, are pledging their support to Democrats and Republicans from the sugar states who are opposed to the Philippine bill to aid in its defeat.

Robbers Loot Postoffice.

San Diego, Cal.—The main postoffice here was entered by robbers Monday night and a large amount of money was stolen. Some time between 11:30 at night and 6 o'clock in the morning the vault was blown open with dynamite. The discovery of the crime was not made until morning. All the stamps were taken and the office wired for \$600 worth from Los Angeles. So far as can be learned at present there is no clue to the perpetrators.

Tried to Cheat the Hangman.

Santa Fe, N. M.—John Conley, a miner and prospector who, on January 16, 1904, killed James Redding and Charles Purdy at the Guadalupe placers, was hanged Monday at Taos a few hours after being found in his cell with his throat cut. The wound did not sever the artery and was quickly bandaged up. He did it with a pocket knife. Limp, Conley was dragged to the gallows and slipped through the trap, dead resulting from strangulation.

ORCHARD MAKES FULL CONFESSION

Admits Assassination of Ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

Implicates All Those Now Under Arrest, and Others, Including J. L. Simpkins—Tells the Story of Twenty-six Murders as Result of Conspiracies.

Boise, Idaho.—Governor Gooding on Sunday night issued a statement with respect to the Steunenberg assassination case, in which he says:

"I want to state officially that Harry Orchard has made a full confession as to the manner and motive of the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, telling of the plans made and giving the names of those making them."

"The assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, which occurred at his own gate on the evening of December 30th, 1905, was the third attempt that Orchard made against his life."

"This confession was made to Captain James McParland. It included a history of his life from his early boyhood up to the time of his arrest. In that confession Orchard implicated all those under arrest and others, including J. L. Simpkins. He told the story of twenty-six murders, the results of conspiracies in which all the accused parties were interested. When this story is given to the public, I believe it will be the greatest narrative of crime which the world knows."

"There has never been any doubt as to the truth of Orchard's confession among those who are familiar with the crimes committed in Idaho and Colorado and charged to the inner circle of the Western Federation of Miners. I attribute Orchard's confession to the great brain of James McParland, who has been employed by the state to run down the murderers of ex-Governor Steunenberg. I have seen Orchard myself since this confession was made. He told me that no promises of clemency or reward had been held out to him by McParland or anyone else. Mr. McParland was aided in his work by Orchard's early training. In his boyhood the bible was read night and morning by his parents. The impression of the early days came up and smote his conscience when he was brought face to face with his God. He told me that he believed in a Supreme Being and a hereafter, and that now his one thought was to make his peace with his Maker."

"The finding of the bomb at Judge Goddard's gate, and many other things which will later be made known at the trial, have proved the truthfulness of Orchard's confession beyond all question to those familiar with his story. The state desires to secure justice. There is no thought of punishing the innocent or waging war on any labor organization. The assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, a grave crime against the state of Idaho, was committed. As its executive I felt it my duty to bend every energy toward the discovery of the guilty parties and their fitting punishment."

"I wish to announce that I have withdrawn the offer of \$5,000 reward, made by the state, for the punishment of the guilty parties, and have advised that the parties who had offered rewards to do likewise. They have agreed to, and today there is not a single dollar of reward offered for the conviction of the murderers of Steunenberg. A reward of \$1,000 is now offered by us for information leading to the arrest of J. L. Simpkins, and this is the only reward now offered in connection with the Steunenberg assassination."

"My reason for withdrawing the reward and advising others, who had offered rewards to withdraw them, is that I felt that no detective association or anyone else is entitled to the reward offered by the state. Harry Orchard was arrested before any detectives were on the ground, on information secured by a committee of citizens of Caldwell, assisted by a few of us who left Boise on the special train a few minutes after the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg. We were all the friends and neighbors of the ex-governor, and I am sure their services will always be remembered with gratitude."

BLUEBEARD HOCH HANGED.

Man Accused of Many Murders Meets Death Bravely.

Chicago.—Johann Hoch, convicted of the murder of his wife, Marie Weicker-Hoch, was hanged in the county jail Friday, February 23, at 1:34 o'clock. Three times respited, Hoch insisted to the last that he be granted all the delay that the law conceded him. Hoch met his death bravely, and just before the execution, when asked if he had anything to say, replied: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. I must die an innocent man. Good bye."

EX-SPEAKER HENDERSON SUCCUMBS TO PARESIS

Curtain Down on Life of Famous Statesman and Patriot, Who Was Stricken by Disease Last May.

Dubuque, Ia.—Former Speaker David B. Henderson of the National house of representatives, died at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Mercy hospital, of paresis, which attacked him nine months ago. He began to sink Friday afternoon, rallied Saturday morning, but in the morning lapsed into unconsciousness and failed rapidly until the end came. Colonel Henderson had been unable to recognize any one but his wife since a week ago, except on Friday, when he partly regained his mental faculties. Colonel Henderson was stricken with paresis last May and his condition grew so grave that he was removed to a hospital in September.

Former Speaker David B. Henderson, was for many years a prominent figure in the councils of his party and had a host of friends among both Republicans and Democrats in congress. Succeeding Speaker Reed in the chair, Colonel Henderson carried out vigorously the rules adopted by his predecessor for the expedition of the business of the house. He was twice elected speaker, his last term in that office closing a twenty-year service in the lower branch of congress.

NO LONGER HOPE OF AGREEMENT AT ALGECIRAS.

Predictions Made That Conference Is Sure to Fail, But It Is Not Believed That War will Result.

Paris.—The officials of the foreign office emphasize Premier Rouvier's statement in the chamber of deputies that "France wants peace only on condition assuring her rights and dignity," as summing up the government's intention at Algeciras. This is coupled with the view that the government's rights and dignity have already reached the furthest limits of concession and that, therefore, from the standpoint of the government authorities it is preferable that the agony of the conference be not prolonged, as France prefers to continue the status quo in Morocco as though the conference had not tried to deal with the question.

However, this attitude does not involve any thought of immediate war. On the contrary, the highest authorities here are firmly convinced that the failure of the conference will not bring war; and, second, because French official and public opinion is strongly against war. It is, therefore, the expectation in government circles that the deadlock at Algeciras will drag along until a disagreement is manifest, and then some colorless action will be taken, leaving the main German-Franco issue where it was before the conference was decided upon. The effect of this would be to establish the status quo which France prefers to anything short of the conference conceding her paramount position in Morocco.

Catholics in China Prepared for Attack by Boxers.

Peking.—The trouble in the province of Honan has subsided, the provisional governor having sent troops to the scene of the disturbance. The government acted promptly as in the case of all the recent outbreaks, but it is difficult to foresee where an uprising is likely to occur. In parts of the interior where there are Catholic missions strong Boxer organizations have been maintained since 1900, and the Catholics in the villages have lived almost in a state of siege, their houses being fortified and the inhabitants armed and constantly prepared to resist attack.

SUCCUMBED TO FIRE WATER.

Fighting Squaw War Bonnett Dies After Protracted Spree.

Lusk, Wyo.—Word received here is that Mrs. War Bonnett, a Sioux squaw, died suddenly at Bonesteel Saturday of acute alcoholism, following a protracted spree. She was the wife of the late War Bonnett, a Sioux sub-chief, who was killed in battle with Sheriff Miller of Weston county and posse on Little Lightning creek, north of here, a year ago last November.

Fifty Children Injured.

Alton, Ill.—Fifty children were injured Sunday afternoon, none seriously, in a panic following the ignition of a roll of celluloid films being used in an entertainment at St. Mary's school. The roll caught fire from a spark from the calcium light machine. The hall quickly filled to suffocation with smoke and the 400 children present rushed for the exits. The children were pupils of the cathedral orphanage, the Ursuline convent and St. Mary's sisterhoods.

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